

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 835

By Boyd

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Country Music star
Daryle Singletary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Daryle Singletary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Singletary was a traditionalist who built a career in country music based on musical integrity; his smooth baritone vocals helped him garner an enthusiastic fan base that was loyal throughout his career, which spanned more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, born on March 10, 1971, in rural Cairo, Georgia, Daryle Singletary was the son of Roger, a postmaster, and Anita, a hair dresser; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Singletary sang gospel music on the weekends with his brother and cousins; by the time he was a teenager, he was a country music devotee, enthralled by the likes of country music legends Keith Whitley and Randy Travis, who would become his idol and, eventually, his champion; and

WHEREAS, with the seeds of his destiny planted, Mr. Singletary moved to Nashville in the fall of 1990; he made the rounds of Music City's nightclub talent contests and open mics, and he eventually found work as a demo singer; and

WHEREAS, when Randy Travis heard Daryle Singletary sing on "An Old Pair of Shoes," which Mr. Travis would go on to record, he recommended Mr. Singletary to his management team, who helped him sign a recording contract with Giant Records; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Daryle Singletary released his self-titled debut album, which was co-produced by Randy Travis; the lead single, "I'm Living Up to Her Low Expectations," spent one week in the Top 40 on the *Billboard* country charts, and the single that followed, "I Let Her Lie," climbed to No. 2 on the charts and became the biggest hit of his career; his debut album also featured "Too Much Fun," which peaked at No. 4 on the *Billboard* country charts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Singletary's sophomore effort, *All Because of You*, was released in 1996, and that same year, he scored his second No. 2 *Billboard* hit with "Amen Kind of Love"; he would go on to release six more studio albums and two compilation albums; and

WHEREAS, Daryle Singletary experienced the kind of success that most can only dream of, and he had the opportunity to collaborate with some of his country music heroes, including George Jones, Johnny Paycheck, Merle Haggard, and Dwight Yoakam; and

WHEREAS, Daryle Singletary was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Holly, and was the proud father of Jonah, Mercer, Nora, and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, Daryle Singletary achieved his dream of making a living singing traditional country music, and as a result, the country music genre gained one of its most honest voices and songs that will continue to be treasured by fans through the ages; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional artist and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Daryle Singletary, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his indelible contributions to country music.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Singletary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.